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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS OF PREVENTING AND
TREATING RESPIRATORY VIRAL
INFECTION USING
IMMUNOMODULATORY
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

Examiner: T. Brown

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 30, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.